

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005.

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of allowable claim 5 and to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Further, claims 12 and 13 have been amended to put the claims in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Thus, in view of the amendments to claims 1, 12, and 13, claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter. Further, claims 16 and 17 have also been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter to expedite the allowance of the present application. Support for the claim amendments can be readily found variously throughout the specification and the original claims. Thus, claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 are currently pending in this application.

In view of these amendments, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objection under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c)

Claims 16 and 17 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as allegedly being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection. However, in order to expedite the allowance of the present invention, Applicant has canceled claims 16 and 17. Thus, Applicant believes that this objection can no longer be sustained and should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. With respect to claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 16 and 17, this rejection has been rendered moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. With regard to claims 1, 2, 12 and 13, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

However, in order to expedite the allowance of the present invention, Applicant has amended claims 1, 12 and 13 in accordance with the Examiner suggestions. More specifically, the phrase "*wherein the isocyanate group of the silyl group-denatured urethane prepolymer or the polyisocyanate compound bonds to a secondary or tertiary carbon atom except aromatic*

carbon atom” of claim 1 now reads as “*wherein the isocyanate compounds from which the silyl group-denatured urethane prepolymer is derived contain at least one isocyanate group bonded to an aliphatic secondary or tertiary carbon atom*” in claims 1, 12 and 13.

Thus, withdraw of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by newly cited Roesler et al. (U.S. Patent 5,919,860). Further, claims 1, 2, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by newly cited Gaa et al. (U.S. Patent 4,567,228). With respect to claims 8, 9 16 and 17, these rejections have been rendered moot in view of the cancellation of these claims. With regard to claims 1 and 2, Applicant believes that these rejections have been overcome by the incorporation of the limitation in non-rejected claim 5 into claim 1.

Thus, in view of such amendments, these rejections can no longer be sustained and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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